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Examiner : Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid
Group : 1614
Applicants : Paul R. Sleath et al.
Application No.: 09/670,106
Filed : September 26, 2000
For : INTERLEUKIN 1 β PROTEASE AND INTERLEUKIN 1 β
PROTEASE INHIBITORS

New York, New York
January 24, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the July 25, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 25, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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